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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application.

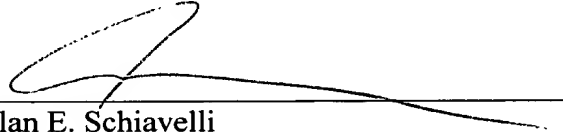
Claims 1 - 18 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1 - 6 of United States Patent No. 6,279,342. In response to this rejection, applicants are submitting herewith a proper executed Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321. In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims are requested. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer is not an admission of the propriety of double patenting rejection.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.34897CC3), and

please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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